

as flattening the body. Hissing is usually combined with these processes. The bull snakes (*Pituophis*) of North America blow air against a fleshy flap that rises just in front of the windpipe and thus make a surprisingly loud sound.'

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13. DISTRIBUTION OF THE SKINK, *RIOPA LINEATA* (GRAY)

I recently received from Prof. R. V. Seshaiya, Director, Marine Biological Station, Porto Novo, south India, three specimens of the Fourtoed Skink, *Riopa lineata* (Gray), obtained at Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram District, Madras State, during 1955 when phenomenal rains inundated the University buildings.

This species appears to have been recorded only from the Bombay State between Poona and North Kanara (Smith, FAUNA, 1935), but in the Society's collection there are also some specimens obtained on Salsette Island, Bombay. The Zoological Survey of India inform me that they have specimen (?) from Madhya Pradesh.

Anyhow the above specimens appear to extend the known range of this species very considerably.

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14. A NOTE ON THE AMPHIBIANS OF KUTCH

All that is known of the meagre amphibian fauna of Kutch is from specimens in the collection of the Bombay Natural History Society and from the records given in FAUNA OF BRITISH INDIA, by Boulenger (1890), VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY OF SIND, by J. A. Murray (1884), and C. McCann's list of amphibians of Kutch (1939, *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 40:425-427).